



Administrator Barreto Opens NASDAQ Trading on August 5, Highlighting NASDAQ Companies that Received SBA Help

SBA Administrator Barreto opened trading on the NASDAQ exchange on Aug. 5, with congratulations for the listed companies that received SBA assistance when they were small businesses, and an offer to help more small companies become well-known household names. "As we open the NASDAQ today, we honor the work that the Small Business Administration has done since its inception 50 years ago," said Barreto. "Some of the small businesses that received help from the SBA are now listed here on the NASDAQ. The list includes companies like Staples, Costco, Apple Computers, Radio One, Gymboree, Intel, Cerner and Sun Microsystems. We are proud of these companies, and of the SBA's legacy of helping all entrepreneurs who need a hand up. We look forward to helping all those companies that are today just an idea, and someday may also be listed here on the NASDAQ."

Since its inception in 1953, the SBA has helped almost 20 million Americans start, grow and expand their businesses - placing more than \$230 billion in loans and venture capital into the hands of entrepreneurs.



Online Registration for SBA's National Entrepreneurial Conference and Expo Events to be Held from September 17-19

Online registration is now available for the SBA's annual celebration honoring America's top entrepreneurs and the National Small Business Person of the Year.

The SBA's National Entrepreneurial Conference and Expo (NECE), in Washington, D.C., September 17-19, 2003, is being held in conjunction with a series of events throughout the country to mark the agency's 50th anniversary.

Business owners and other individuals interested in taking part in NECE may now register at www.sba.gov/50. Complete information about the Expo and the SBA's 50th anniversary events is available on the conference Web site. The site will be updated regularly with new event information.

The three-day SBA event, to be held at the Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, will feature award ceremonies and presentations by notable speakers from industry and government on issues of vital interest to the small business community, including a Celebrating Women in Business event recognizing the contributions of women business owners. A

small business "Hall of Fame," honoring the highest achievements in entrepreneurialism, will be inaugurated during the conference.

The National Small Business Person of the Year will be selected from among 50 state Small Business Person of the Year, plus one each from the District Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. Two runners-up will also be named. The Expo will also offer a series of business sessions designed to provide small businesses with useful, practical and tangible advice, assistance and insight, including Managing Your Business, Emerging Markets, Procurement Opportunities, Small Business Financing, eBusiness, International Trade, Tax Relief, Health Care, Contingency Planning, Veteran Business Development and Leadership.

This year's conference features a Procurement Matchmaking event that will bring together prime and subcontractors with small businesses to make business deals, as well as an Expo featuring over 175 exhibitors, including small businesses, corporate entities, international interests, and federal and state governments.

Calendar of Events for NECE

The National Entrepreneurial Conference & Expo (NECE), in Washington, D.C., Sept. 17-19, 2003, is the cornerstone event marking the agency's 50th anniversary.

Events marking NECE will include:

- ✚ Celebrating Women in Business to honor a dynamic group of women entrepreneurs who represent the changing face of entrepreneurship. They lead companies ranging from a construction firm to a shoe designer.
- ✚ Golden Anniversary Hall of Fame to inaugurate and honor the achievements of 25 notable U.S. companies that received SBA assistance.
- ✚ Trade Show & Expo featuring over 175 exhibitors, including small businesses, corporate entities, international interests and federal and state governments.
- ✚ Business Matchmaking that will pair purchasing agents with small businesses to make business deals.
- ✚ Business Session designed to provide small businesses with advice on Financing Opportunities for Growing Companies, International Trade, Expanding Opportunities, Managing Your Business, Procurement and eBusiness.
- ✚ Announcement of the National Small Business Person of the Year.



50th Anniversary Event Scheduled for Albuquerque February 23, 2004

The Regional Events will enable entrepreneurs and small-business owners to meet with their local bankers, venture capitalists, resource and trade partners, and local SBA staff to kick-off a new small business or advance an existing one. There will be a luncheon with the SBA Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and Chief Counsel of Advocacy as well as representatives from each local community to discuss the challenges of owning a small business, and how to improve opportunities for entrepreneurs. For more information visit the 50th Anniversary website at <http://www.sba.gov/50/regionevents.html>.

Northern New Mexico Supplier Alliance

Reaching New Heights Procurement Expo
October 15 & 16, 2003



The fourth annual NNMSA Procurement Expo's main objective is to bring together the small business community and key federal, state, and local procurement agencies and their prime contractors.

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- ◆ Latest updates on the SBA's loan programs
- ◆ SBA's SOP 50 10 for Loan Processing
- ◆ SBA Procedural Notices
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